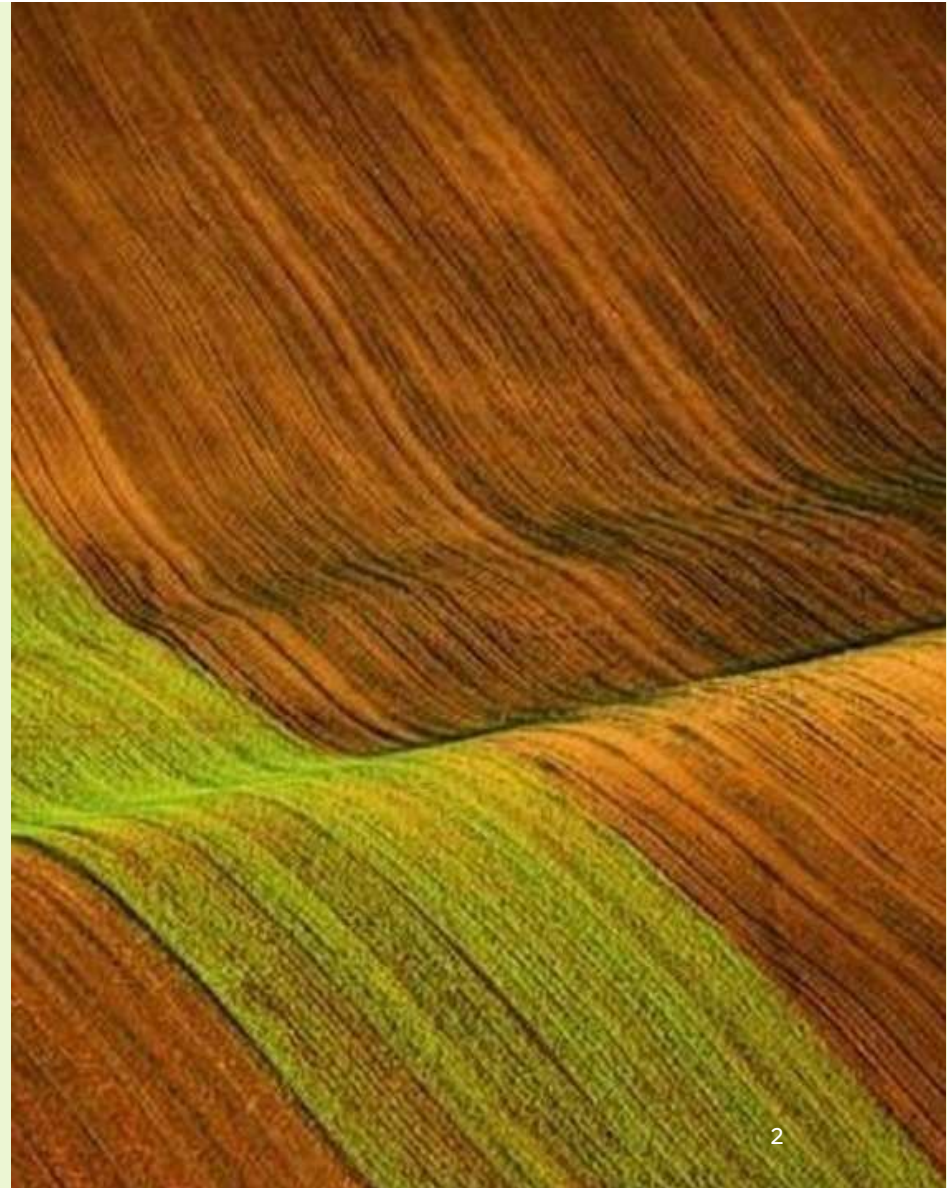


# TRAVIS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (ERI)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (ERI) BASICS

- Where in the County Code does it require an ERI?
  - Section 482.942
- Who is affected by ERI requirements?
  - Development that proposes disturbance greater than one acre in size
  - At the discretion of the reviewer if under 1 acre and certain critical site characteristics are present or critical site improvements are proposed
- What does an ERI consist of and what is the scope?
  - Critical environmental features(CEFs) and waterways on the property to be developed and within 400 feet of the property boundary
  - Habitat of a federally-listed endangered species or Texas threatened species within the area to be developed as well as within 500 feet outside the property line





## **ERI IN DETAIL**

### **-WHAT ARE CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES?**

**-CAVE, POINT RECHARGE FEATURE, SINKHOLE,  
SPRING, AND WETLANDS**

**-TRAVIS COUNTY CAN ONLY REGULATE JURISDICTIONAL  
WETLANDS THAT MEET USACE CRITERIA**

**-WATERWAYS ARE CLASSIFIED BY THEIR DRAINAGE AREA  
AND THE SETBACK WILL INCREASE AS DRAINAGE AREA  
INCREASES**

**-LCRA WILL TAKE LEAD IN WATERWAYS AND THEIR  
SETBACKS IF IN HLWO JURISDICTION**

### **-ENDANGERED SPECIES**

**-GOLDEN – CHEEKED WARBLER  
-6 KARST INVERTEBRATES  
-BARTON SPRINGS SALAMANDER  
-TEXAS FATMUCKET  
-TRICOLORED BAT**





## REVIEW AND PLANS

- If CEFs or Waterways are found in ERI, setback would need to be provided and would be contained in a protected easement
- Should use Travis County criteria, not Austin
- 150ft from edge of CEF
- Waterway Setbacks based on drainage areas

Eastern Watershed	Setback from Centerline
64ac – 320ac	100ft
320ac - 640ac	200ft
640ac and over	300ft
*Colorado River downstream from Lady Bird Lake	400ft

Western Watershed	Setback from Centerline	Setback from Floodplain
5ac - 40ac	25ft	25ft
40ac - 128ac	75ft	Equal to the edge of the delineated floodplain
128ac - 320ac	100ft	
320ac - 640ac	200ft	
640ac - over	300ft	

## COMMON REVIEW CHALLENGES

- ERI checklist should be filled out to the maximum extent possible
- Wetlands need to be labeled as jurisdictional or not jurisdictional
- Drainage areas and setbacks of waterways need to be shown in report
- Waivers to ERI requirement is possible – Reference code 482.492(d)



## FINAL TIPS & TAKEAWAYS



- ERIs do not have to follow one specific format as long as all the information is included
- Should be submitted as early as possible to avoid any last minute delays
- COA format should be avoided but can be used as a base. Will accept if released from ETJ as a starting point.
- Travis County checklist – Required. Can provide during review.
- Code can be hard to understand but we are here to help



**THANK YOU**

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